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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2001

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 15, 2001 for which the date for response is December 15, 2001.

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In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-18, *i.e.*, the Group I claims. Additionally, formal drawings are submitted herewith.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3031 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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